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For: **DYED SHEATH/CORE FIBERS AND METHODS OF
MAKING SAME**

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculation of the filing fee in the above identified application, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 10 through 20.

REMARKS

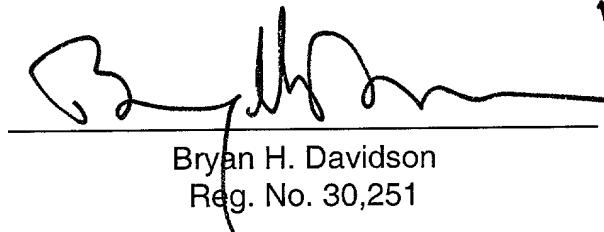
Claims 1 through 9 are submitted for examination in the presently filed divisional application, while canceled claims 10 through 20 are pending in parent application Serial No. 09/844,269.

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An early and favorable action based on the merits of the present claims is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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